

Organizational and Regular Meeting
Governing Board of the
Greene County Educational Service Center
Thursday, January 14, 2020 – 9:30 AM

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mr. Snell, having been appointed President Pro-Tem at the December 12, 2019 Regular Meeting called the Meeting to order at 9:31 AM with the following in attendance: Mrs. Wiseman, Mrs. Phipps, Mr. Eppers and Mr. Snell

Also in attendance: Mrs. Terry Strieter, Superintendent and Mr. Arledge, Treasurer.

Executive Session – Appointment of Public Official

2020-1

Moved by Mrs. Wiseman, seconded by Mr. Snell that the Board go into Executive Session at 9:34 AM to discuss the Appointment of a Public Official.

Vote: Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye.
Motion carried

After a discussion regarding the Appointment of a Public Official, the Board returned to Regular Session at 9:42 AM.

Appoint Of New Board Member

2020-2

Moved by Mrs. Wiseman, seconded by Mrs. Phipps that **Mrs. Rita Canty** be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board.

Vote: Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye.
Motion carried

Oath of Office

The Treasurer administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Phipps and Mr. Eppers after their re-election to the Board this past November.

Election of Governing Board Officers for 2020

2020-3

President

Moved by Mrs. Wiseman, seconded by Mrs. Phipps that Mr. Snell be nominated for Board President.

Vice President

Moved by Mr. Eppers, seconded by Mr. Snell that Mrs. Wiseman be nominated for Vice President.

Moved by Mrs. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Eppers that the nominations be closed.

Vote: Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mr. Snell, aye.
Motion carried.

Adoption of Agenda

2020-4

Moved by Mr. Eppers, seconded by Mrs. Phipps that the Agenda be approved.

Revisions and Additions were noted.

Vote: Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye. Mrs. Phipps, aye.
Motion carried.

Approve Minutes of December 12, 2019, Regular Board Meeting

2020-5

Moved by Mrs. Wiseman, seconded by Mrs. Phipps that the Minutes of the December 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be approved.

Vote: Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye. Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mr. Eppers, abstain.
Motion carried 3-0-1.

Open Communications

Mrs. Wiseman commented on Amy Baldrige receiving her “Doctorate”.

The Superintendent handed out Ohio School Board Recognition Certificates for 2019.

Establish Regular Board Meeting Dates, Times and Locations for Calendar Year 2020

After discussion, the 2020 Meeting schedule was set as follows, with all Meetings held at the Greene County ESC:

Thursday, February 13, 2020	9:30 AM
Thursday, March 5, 2020	9:30 AM
Thursday, April 9, 2020	9:30 AM
Thursday, May 14, 2020	9:30 AM
Thursday, June 11, 2020	9:30 AM
Thursday, July 16, 2020	9:30 AM
Thursday, August 13, 2020	9:30 AM
Thursday, September 10, 2020	9:30 AM
Thursday, October 8, 2020	9:30 AM
Thursday, November 12, 2020	9:30 AM
Thursday, December 10, 2020	9:30 AM

Establish the Governing Board of the Greene County Educational Service Center Fund at \$20,000 for calendar year 2020

2020-6

Moved by Mrs. Wiseman, seconded by Mr. Eppers that the Service Center Fund for the Governing Board be set at \$20,000.00 for 2020.

Vote: Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye.
Motion carried.

Appoint Board Committee and Liaison Assignments for 2020

After discussion, Mr. Snell appointed the following for 2020.

Policy Liaison – Mrs. Canty
Business Advisory Representative – Mrs. Phipps
Legislative Liaison – Mrs. Wiseman
Student Achievement Liaison – Mr. Eppers

Establish Financial /Audit Committee for 2020

2020-7

Moved by Mrs. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Eppers, that the 2020 Financial/Audit Committee include the Treasurer, Superintendent and Governing Board President.

Vote: Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye.
Motion carried.

Approve Expenditures and Procedures for Calendar Year 2020

2020-8

The Superintendent recommended the following be approved.

1. Permission for the board, Superintendent, Treasurer, Administrators, and Staff Members to attend professional meetings;
2. Permission to allow Treasurer to pay bills as they are received within the limits of established appropriations;
3. Permission to allow Treasurer to invest all available funds in a timely and effective manner;
4. Permission to allow the Superintendent to employ and accept resignations of personnel on behalf of the Board during time when the Board is not in session subject to ratification by the Board. Upon ratification by the Board, the employment or resignation shall be deemed effective as of the date of the Superintendent’s acceptance of said event;
5. Permission to allow Treasurer to establish Special Appropriation Accounts for State, Federal, and Private Source Grants; and
6. Permission to renew office maintenance contracts as they come due.

Moved by Mrs. Wiseman, seconded by Mrs. Phipps that the above “permissions” be approved.

Vote: Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye.
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

2020-9

The Treasurer presented the list of Bills paid for the month of December 2019 (summary below) for the Board’s approval.

List of Bills Paid during December 2019

General Fund "001"	\$1,267,398.17
Local Grants "019"	\$102,619.03
Staff Development "020"	\$45.12
Agency "027"	\$2,985.23
Student Activity "200"	78.76
State Grants "400"	\$1,749.26
Federal Grants "500"	\$450.00
Total	\$1,375,325.57

The Treasurer reviewed the Cash Flow Update for the current year. He detailed the issues regarding how the accounting of the many Mental Health Funding sources currently in place may change due to the ESC receiving a new Grant that must be spent by the end of June 2020. He spoke briefly on PHP Finances, stating that enrollment is low enough so far this year that tuition may only be enough to break even with program expenses this year. He informed the Board that the initial responsibilities for ACA Employer Reporting have been completed for calendar year 2019. He

informed the Board that the “on sight” part of the FY19 Audit has been completed, but could not tell them when the audit would be released.

Moved by Mr. Eppers, seconded by Mr. Snell that the Treasurer’s report be approved.

Vote: Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye.
Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

There was discussion on the latest Dayton Daily News “In our Schools” published on January 2, where the Greene County ESC was featured. There was discussion on the newly approved Early Childhood Mental Health Grant the ESC has been awarded for the second half of FY20. There was discussion on the Resolution being approved by all Ohio School Districts to oppose a program called “EdChoice” that would have a negative financial impact on school districts. Regarding the Communication Audit, there was discussion on Allerton Hill’s thoughts for the ESC’s Web Page.

Personnel Recommendations

2020-10

Certified Staff

Rebecca Montgomery - Speech Therapist, salary schedule upgrade to Master’s + 15, an additional \$300.00 for the 2019-20 school year per “grandfathered” SLP salary schedule

Mary Yelton - OT, up to 7 additional days at daily rate during January and February for Beavercreek, payable by timesheet

Substitute Staff

Jeffrey Burke – Aide sub
Dena Harper - Aide sub

Resignations

Anne Stewart - Speech Pathologist, resigning at end of 2019-20 school year
Mel Campbell - Classroom Assistant, resigning effective February 14, 2020

Retirements

Barb MacPherson - OT, retiring at the end of the 2019-20 school year

Moved by Mrs. Wiseman, seconded by Mr. Eppers that the Personnel Recommendations be approved.

Vote: Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye.
Motion carried.

Board Policy – First Reading

The First Reading was held on the following Board Policy:
8210 - School Calendar

Board Policy – Second Reading and Approval

2020-11

The Second Reading was held, with a request for Approval, of the following Board Policies:

1310 - Employment of the Treasurer
1340 - Non-Reemployment of the Treasurer
5200 - Attendance
5250 - Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
7300 - Disposition of Real Property/Personal Property
8462 - Student Abuse and Neglect
8500 - Food Services

Moved by Mrs. Wiseman, seconded by Mrs. Phipps that the Board Policies be approved.

Vote: Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye.
Motion carried.

Approve Ohio School Boards Association Dues for 2020

2020-12

Moved by Mr. Eppers, seconded by Mrs. Wiseman that the Board approve dues to the Ohio School Boards Association for 2020 in the amount of \$3,316.00, with the “Free” electronic version of the OSBA Briefcase, and the \$150.00 electronic version of the School Management News.

Vote: Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye.
Motion carried.

Approve Donation

2020-13

Moved by Mr. Eppers, seconded by Mrs. Phipps that the Board approve the \$1,000.00 donation from Mr. Richard Lapedes and Ms. Maureen Lynch that was provided to help support the Franklin B. Walter Scholarship Award Fund.

Vote: Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye.
Motion carried.

Review of Board Goals for 2020

After a review of the previous year Board Goals, the consensus was to keep them the same for 2020.

Resolution Opposing the State of Ohio EdChoice Scholarship (Voucher) Program

2020-14

WHEREAS, the Ohio legislature has recently made amendments which greatly increase the number and availability of vouchers for students to attend private/parochial schools at public tax expense, and

WHEREAS, the state of Ohio has used data that is flawed to determine school buildings on the list of now “eligible” buildings, and

WHEREAS, such vouchers will be available to numerous families and students who have never attended Greene County public schools and for whom state funding has never been provided to the districts, and

WHEREAS, Greene County School Districts’ state funding will be unjustly decreased by the amount of the vouchers provided to such families and students who have not and will not attend public schools and others who transfer to private/parochial schools, and

WHEREAS, the estimated loss of revenue to the districts over the next four years would be detrimental to the districts, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial schools accepting students with public tax vouchers would not be required to accept all students but would be permitted to retain their selective admission policies without enforcement of other laws applicable to public schools, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial school students are not subject to the testing standards required of public school students so that the actual performance of private/parochial schools subsidized with public tax dollars will not be known, relative to equivalent public school evaluation standards, and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the EdChoice voucher program as it currently exists presents serious constitutional issues regarding the separation of church and state and the funding of religious institutions with public tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has the constitutional responsibility to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools, and

WHEREAS, the EdChoice voucher program will have exactly the opposite effect by providing funding to private/parochial schools at the expense and to the detriment of public schools and their students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Greene County Educational Service Center Governing Board that this Board reaffirms its commitment to free accessible public schools which are adequately and equitably funded to guarantee a comparable education for ALL children and therefore opposes and respectfully requests the repeal of the ill-conceived EdChoice voucher program of the State of Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board opposes any funding programs, vouchers or otherwise, that have the effect of diverting public tax dollars from public schools to private/parochial schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to all Ohio state legislators, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Governor of the State of Ohio.

Moved by Mrs. Wiseman, seconded by Mrs. Phipps that the Resolution opposing EdChoice be approved.

Vote: Mrs. Phipps, aye; Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye.
Motion carried.

Approve Early Childhood Mental Health Program Data Specialist Job Description.

2020-15

Moved by Mrs. Wiseman, seconded by Mr. Eppers that the Job Description be approved.

Vote: Mr. Eppers, aye; Mr. Snell, aye; Mrs. Wiseman, aye; Mrs. Phipps, aye.
Motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Snell adjourned the Meeting at 11:01 AM.

Attest

Lee Snell, President

Robert L. Arledge Jr., Treasurer

Upcoming Events

Martin Luther King Observance – Office and School Closed – January 20, 2020.